

108TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 909

To provide State and local governments with flexibility in using funds made available for homeland security activities.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 11, 2003

Ms. SNOWE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. GRANTS BY THE OFFICE OF DOMESTIC PRE-**  
4       **PAREDNESS.**

5       Section 430 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002  
6       (6 U.S.C. 238) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7       lowing:

8       “(e) STATE AND LAND SECURITY GRANTS.—

9               “(1) SET ASIDE.—Not to exceed 20 percent of  
10       the amount of any grant by the Office of Depart-

1       ment Preparedness to a State or local government  
 2       for the purchase of equipment for homeland security  
 3       or counterterrorism activities may be used for pre-  
 4       paredness activities, including planning, training,  
 5       and exercises.

6               “(2) USE OF GRANTS.—A grant described in  
 7       paragraph (1) may be used to reimburse responder  
 8       agencies for equipment and personnel costs incurred  
 9       during preparedness activities described in para-  
 10      graph (1).”.

11   **SEC. 2. FEMA GRANTS FOR STATE AND LOCAL HOMELAND**  
 12               **SECURITY ACTIVITIES.**

13       Section 201 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief  
 14   and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 5131) is  
 15   amended by adding at the end the following:

16       “(e) GRANTS FOR STATE AND LOCAL HOMELAND  
 17   SECURITY ACTIVITIES.—

18               “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may use grants  
 19       made available under this Act for a specific home-  
 20       land security activity to carry out another homeland  
 21       security activity, if the alternative use is—

22                       “(A) consistent with the State plan of the  
 23                       State submitted under subsection (c); and

24                       “(B) approved by the President.

1           “(2) USE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.—For the  
2           purpose of meeting any requirement that a State  
3           provide grant funds to local governments from a  
4           grant made available under this Act for homeland  
5           security activities, any grant funds that are ex-  
6           pended by the State to carry out homeland security  
7           activities on behalf of local governments shall be  
8           considered to be provided to local governments.”.

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